

St. Joseph's Newsletter - 23rd April 2023

Sanctuary Lamp
Finton Callaghan
(Successful Operation)

Marian Candle
Special Birthday Wishes to
Joan Williams

Lately Dead

Jeff Roberts (Woodend Nurseries), Jim Dever, Fred Marsh, Barrie Davies

Highway to Heaven'

Introducing a new feature to our Newsletter called 'Highway to Heaven'. Each week we will publish a different street/road name from our local area and ask you to pray for the residents in that location. This week's location is: **BRANSDALE CLOSE.**

Gospel Reflection for the Third Sunday of Easter

Meeting Jesus



Two disciples travel along the road to Emmaus talking about recent events in Jerusalem. They are feeling helpless and defeated in the wake of Jesus' crucifixion. Perhaps they were still strongly tied to the Jewish expectation of a Messiah, and had little understanding of Jesus' divinity. They simply saw Jesus' death as a crushing defeat. Perhaps our own stories aren't too different. We often feel defeated and helpless, unable to see what Jesus' death and resurrection could mean for us. Do we spend long periods of depression, unable to appreciate God's presence in our lives? One thing is for sure; it would be nothing short of a tragedy if we got to the end of life's paths without meeting Jesus, so how should we go about it?

Notice in today's gospel that Jesus opens the eyes of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus very gradually. The two travellers don't recognise Jesus straight away, but their hearts warm to him as he helps them to see recent events in the light of scripture. As he interprets what has happened, he gives them hope in the future and a clear vision of new opportunities. Then when the couple invite Jesus to stay, and he breaks bread with them, they come to realise who he really is. What a life changing moment that must have been!

This story is clearly not just for the benefit of the two travellers or even for the first disciples; this story is for the benefit of us all. We might think that we've been going to church long enough to have heard it all before, but there's always something new to learn. Today we are invited to meet Jesus in the Eucharist, and to re-find Jesus in the way we understand and interpret the scriptures. Take up the challenge.

Saint George

"For the Persecuted" - 24th April



When the pagan Emperor Diocletian started persecuting Christians, St. George pleaded with the Emperor to spare their lives. However, St. George's pleas fell on deaf ears and it is thought that the Emperor Diocletian tried to make St. George deny his faith in Christ, by torturing him. St George showed incredible courage and faith and was finally beheaded near Lydda in Palestine on 23rd April, 303. There is much talk nowadays about the apathy surrounding Saint George's day and about what we should do to celebrate it, but we could do no worse than make St.

George's commitment to stand up for the persecuted our own.

To do:-

Support a charity that champions the needs of the persecuted. Starting points might include, 'The Church in Need', or the 'Barnabas Fund'.

Charity Shop Appeals

Spring Clear Out for Charity

There are always charity shop appeals at this time of year for donations such as men's and women's clothes, bric a brac, toys, books and cd's.

Your charity shop donations will have a big impact on the lives of others. Many charity shops will organise collection of heavy goods. Don't forget if you are

returning from an Easter break, that many charity shops also accept foreign coinage.

St Mark - 25th April.



The second Gospel was written by St. Mark, who, in the New Testament, is sometimes called John Mark. Both he and his mother, Mary, were highly esteemed in the early Church, and his mother's house in Jerusalem served as a meeting place for Christians there.

St. Mark wrote the second Gospel, probably in Rome sometime before the year 60 A.D.; he wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition tells us that St. Mark was requested by the Roman Christians to set down the teachings of St. Peter. This seems to be confirmed by the position which St. Peter has in this Gospel.

Care For Our Common Home

Spring Cleaning with Natural Products.

There are lots of websites out there showing you how to make your own cleaning products from natural ingredients. The benefits of natural cleaning products are that you will eliminate plastic packaging and harmful chemicals. The easiest ingredient to have around is bicarbonate of soda. Baking soda has been used for over a century as a way to deodorise, clean and scour away dirt. You can easily use this alone to clean sinks, toilets, baths, ovens, fridges and surfaces to remove dirt and stains.

Bitesize

The oil of hope makes life's machinery run smoothly.

~James Lendall Basford

UCM

Monday 24th April - Bingo 1.30pm start at St. John Fisher

Thursday 27th April - 1pm Meeting followed by "Creating Adventures" in Church 1.30pm will entertain us.

Friday 28th April - AGM at the Cathedral - cars will leave the car park at 11.30am

Spring Bedding Plants - delivered by the Scouts.

This year St. Joseph's is joining with other local scout groups and offering an online ordering service as well as the usual paper based forms. Pick up an order form at the back of church or call Alan on

01925 711228. You can also order online at

<http://www.warringtonwestscouts.org.uk/plant-sale>

PLEASE NOTE THE LAST DATE FOR ORDERING IS 30th APRIL

Mass Intentions

Sunday 23rd April	8.30am 4.00pm	Chris Wilkinson Patricia Townley
Monday 24th April	9.30am	George Guy (Birthday Remembrance)
Tues 25th April		
Weds 26th April	6.30pm	Mary Croughan
Thurs 27th April		
Friday 28th April		
Sat 29th April		
Sunday 30th April	8.30am 4.00pm	Robert & Elizabeth Redmond Leo Taylor

Please visit the new St. Joseph's website for all the news, Mass times, newsletter and much more! www.stjosephpenketh.co.uk

Exposition at St. Joseph's 10am until 12 Noon every Monday and Friday.

PARISH CENTENARY RETREAT

Details have now been finalised for the forthcoming parish retreat. The retreat will take place in the Loreto Spirituality centre in Llandudno, North Wales, led by Fr Mark, and centred on the theme "Knowing and loving God's Word in the Scriptures". It will last from Friday afternoon 23rd June to Saturday afternoon 24th June and include an overnight stay with full board. The cost will be £95 including accommodation, all meals and refreshments, and transport from the parish. Accommodation will be limited to 20 people, and places will be reserved on a first come first served basis. Please call

at the parish office as soon as possible if you wish to participate.
Cheques should be made payable to St. Joseph's.

Fr Mark

St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School

Consultation on proposed changes to St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School with effect from September 2023. Please see the poster in the Narthex and also on the Notice Board with more information regarding this.

'Looking at life and faith as we grow older'.

A chance to share stories of our lives' journey. It's at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD on Wednesdays 26th April, 3rd, 10th and 17th May between 10.30 am - 11.45 am followed by Mass at 12 noon.'

Bonus Ball Winners from St. Joseph's

5-4-23 No. 46 - Mrs. J. Gulliver

12-4-23 No. 5 - Carmel Anderton

19-4-23 No. 37 - Unsold